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Title: "Override Device for Allowing Manual Operation of
a Closure Normally Operated by an Electric Motor"
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment of March 26, 1996 Applicant hereby submits to the Patent Office that a Response to a Restriction Requirement was filed by facsimile in the United States Patent Office on October 11, 1995 in response to the Official Action of July 12, 1995.

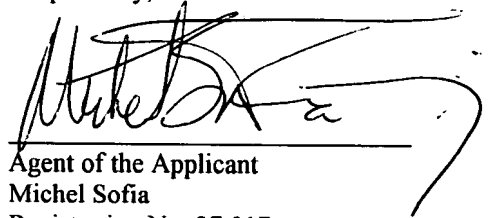
In view of the Notice of Abandonment, it has become apparent that our facsimile submission of October 11, 1995 has been misplaced or lost in the United States Patent Office. Accordingly, in order to have this facsimile submission considered filed as of the date of transmission of October 11, 1995, Applicant's undersigned Patent Agent hereby (1) informs the USPTO of this facsimile transmission of October 11, 1995 filed in response to the Official Action of July 12, 1995; (2) encloses herewith another copy of said facsimile transmission with the "Certificate of Facsimile Transmission" on each of the separate documents facsimiled on October 11, 1995; and (3) encloses a copy of the undersigned Agent of Record's sending unit's activity report confirming the transmission of the facsimiled submission.

Accordingly, we believe that our facsimile response of October 11, 1995 can now be considered by the PTO as having been received on that date and that prosecution of the above Application can now be resumed.

If further documents are required or if the PTO requires any assistance from the undersigned Agent of Record, the PTO is invited to get in touch with him.

We anticipate the Patent Office's decision in due time.

Respectfully,



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